

LAST WEEK

Sunday School Attendance 37
Worship Attendance 68

*Your generosity empowers our collective work for
God's kingdom purposes. Thanks!*

OUR THANKS TO

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Barb Landes

GREETERS:

Today: Mark & Polly Thomas **Next Week:** Mark & Polly Thomas

MEDIA OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

SOUND OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** Larry Evans

VIDEO OPERATOR:

Today: unfilled **Next week:** unfilled

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*“Jesus compels us to experience and extend the
gracious rule of God by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

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Preparing

By praying together Infant Nursery @ 9:15a.m.

Gathering

Announcements
Prelude Bill Barrett
Welcome & Call to Worship Bill Barrett
Isaiah 40:1-5 & Opening Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing Ellen Steiner and Team
With our offerings & Offertory Pat Yoder

Confession of Faith—Isaiah 40:6-9

Bill Barrett

Words of Hope--Isaiah 40:28-31

Praising

Congregational Singing Carl Newcomer

Proclaiming

Scriptures John 1:29-42
Message “Come and See” Pastor Duane Beck

Communion

Sharing

Of our joys, requests, thanksgivings & responses
Pastoral Prayer Barb Landes

Sending

Sending hymn Carl Newcomer
Benediction Barb Landes

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
10:30 a.m. — Worship with Duane Beck
Noon—Potluck and Congregational Meeting

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. — Women's Bible Study
Noon—Peace and Justice Lunch
3:00 p.m.—Bethel Homework Help

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.—Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon Seminar, Praying the Scripture

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
10:30 a.m. — Worship with Duane Beck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Duane will lead the seminar, *Praying with Scripture*, Saturday, Jan 21, 9-12 a.m., in Bethel's fellowship room. The Bible is an amazing resource that can shape and expand our ways of praying. The time will include teaching and practical ways to use scripture as a springboard for meaningful prayer and spiritual growth.

Thank you. The items you brought to church for the Urbana Caring Kitchen and Homeless Shelter have been delivered. The staff there are so very appreciative of our contribution. Thanks for sharing in this project. —The Peace and Justice Lunch Group

The transitional prayer team is suggesting that the Bethel family makes personal Paul's prayer from Ephesians 3:16-20. Pray that God may strengthen us with power through His spirit in our innermost being so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. Pray that we being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. May we give God the glory as He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work within us. NIV

Coming this summer: MennoTalks! A new feature for the MC USA Convention 2017, featuring 20 slides for 20 seconds each on "Celebrating Women," "Race, Religion and Justice" and "Global and Local Peacemaking." Come to Orlando July 4-7 to experience this and much more. For additional information, visit <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/mennotalks/>.

MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering: As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends International Potluck at 6:00 pm on Saturday, January 21, at First Mennonite Church, 101 S. Jackson Street in Bluffton. Special guest speaker will be Amela Puljek Shank, current MCC Area Director for Europe and Middle East, bringing an update on MCC's response to the Syrian crisis. Please RSVP at 574-534-4133 or to lmg@mcc.org.

AMBS seeks Volunteer Coordinator beginning August 2017: seeking a qualified individual or couple to coordinate the work of our short-term and local volunteers, connecting these volunteers with assignments from faculty and staff. The position opens Aug. 1; the start date is negotiable. To learn more, contact Jewel Gingerich Longenecker: jglongenecker@ambs.edu.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- **Pray for Teresa Wxlch**, a Bellefontaine teacher who is in hospice.
- **Please pray for Jamal**, Jamal is a shopkeeper in the Old City of Hebron. He sells shawls, hand-woven Bedouin rugs, fancy dresses with hand embroidery, handbags made by village women and other textile items from the region. He had a thriving business in the hustle and bustle of the Old City market until the 1st Intifada in the early 1990s. After that business declined modestly until the 2nd Intifada in 2000. Then his business crashed and has yet to recover. "We live in a prison", Jamal says,". We can't move freely. There are checkpoints everywhere, and you never know if you will be allowed to pass, or if you will be stopped.
- **Registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 opens Jan. 17.** The convention takes place July 4-8 in Orlando, Florida, with the theme "Love is a Verb." Enjoy fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country while enjoying the attractions of the Orlando area. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.
- **School groups are celebrating the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday** with DOOR Atlanta and DOOR Miami this weekend. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants as they return to their home communities tomorrow and begin to share what they learned about civil rights history and current social injustices, and how their faith calls them to respond.